

**MICHIGAN LONG-TERM CARE SUPPORTS & SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING**

Minutes of Monday, September 28, 2009  
Capitol View Building, Lansing, Michigan

I. Organizing Ourselves

A. Roll Call

Members Present

RoAnne Chaney, Secretary	Connie Fuller	Denise Rabidoux
Christine Chesney	William Gutos	Hollis Turnham, Vice Chair
Linda Ewing	Dohn Hoyle	Cyndy Viars
Andrew Farmer, Chair	Yolanda McKinney	Toni Wilson

Excused:

Robert Allison  
William Mania

Absent:

Marcia Moers  
Rev. Charles Williams

Staff Support:

Gloria Lanum  
Marlene Simon

Ex-Officio Members Present

Barbara Anders, Designee for DHS Director  
Peggy Brey, Designee for DCH Director and OSA Deputy Director  
Sharon Gire, Director, Office of Services to the Aging  
Sarah Slocum, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman  
Absent: Mary Ablan, Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan  
Dell Alston, Designee for DELEG Director

B. Review and Approval of July 27, 2009 Draft Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Hoyle to adopt the minutes with the proposed amendments, and seconded by Commissioner Rabidoux. Amendments will be made with respect to section III B., Project 2020. Motion passed by voice vote.

II. What's Happening

A. Task Force Recommendation Logic Model Review: Public Education & Consumer Participation in the System – Jane Church

The first goal of Recommendation #6 originally focused on awareness of the SPE agencies but since the SPEs were eliminated earlier this year, the workgroup will work on development and implementation of 'no wrong door' type aging and disability resource centers under a new grant if funding is received from AOA. The grant will allow retooling of the best practices learned during the SPE demonstration experience to make sure people have access to information to make informed choices and for planning purposes.

Jane reviewed the objectives and activities listed on the logic model. Sarah Slocum suggested re-using campaign materials already developed that can be tweaked and possibly develop public health style announcements with Governor Granholm and Director Olszewski. Commissioner Chesney suggested mailing out a post card to collect feedback on LTC needs. Chris will provide Jane with a copy of the postcard used by her agency. The workgroup will develop a brochure that describes available Medicaid government programs. Commissioner

Turnham suggested adding veteran's benefits as well. Commissioner Viars suggested modifying the logic model to include providing orientation to legislators and others on PCP and array of services. Commissioner Turnham suggested moving the "Increase consumer participation in the Commission workgroup processes" as an activity of "Legislate a Commission to provide meaningful consumer oversight and accountability". Jane mentioned the difficulty of developing CEUs/CMEs. Commissioner Chesney stated that there is a universal approval process at the national professional group level. Chris will provide Jane with the contact information.

Other activities on the logic model include, collect definitions of consumers being used to develop a consumer value/inclusion statement, inventory of consumer involvement, and identify sources of funds to support consumer participation. The draft value/inclusion statement will be presented to the Commission for input and to present it to the department director to establish a DCH policy that supports consumer participation at the table. Commissioner Viars suggested including family caregivers and personal care assistants. Commissioner Chaney added that it's important to include what consumers need. Commissioner Hoyle stated that to define a consumer then it should be someone who isn't paid including family caregivers paid through in-home help dollars. Definitions from the Model Act will be used as a starting point.

#### B. OLTCSS Update & Transition – Peggy Brey

As announced by Director Olszewski, effective October 1, functions of the office will be shared between the Medical Services Administration (MSA) and the Office of Services to the Aging (OSA). MSA will manage the Money Follows the Person (MFP) grant, the Civil Monetary Penalties (CMP) request process, and nursing facility transition work with the Centers for Independent Living (CILs), as well as the integrated managed care initiative. Staff transferring to MSA includes Bob Orme, Robin Mossbarger, Amanda Farley, and Stacy Smith. Nora Barkey and Mary Kay Thelen transferred to Mental Health. Marlene Simon was transferred to the Bureau of Legal and Policy Affairs. Bob Buryta retired.

A new Long Term Care System Transformation Section will be managed by Pam McNab. Pam will report to Peggy as the Deputy Director for OSA. The section will manage the State Profile Tool grant (SPT), Systems Transformation grant (STG), and the Long Term Care (LTC) Partnership grant, the Project Action Teams, the Long Term Care Forums, and provide support to the LTC Advisory Commission and the Consumer Task Force. Staffing includes Rob Curtner, Tari Muniz, Joanne Bump, Gloria Lanum, Erin Atchue, Scott Fitton, and Jane Church. Jane Alexander will look for grant opportunities, conduct select data analysis, other projects, and her work will focus on the Older Americans Act and LTC.

Pam McNab reported that proposed quality outputs and measures are being developed through the project action teams (PATs) and Commission workgroups. Commissioner Turnham wanted to clarify that the Commission Workgroups will continue to make recommendations to the full Commission for approval and the role of the PATs is to do the work to make sure those recommendations get carried out in state government. Peggy confirmed that the way to operationalize is to define and use measurements. Pam distributed an updated list of PATs leads and workgroup chairs.

### III. What Else is Happening

- A. Public Comment – No public comment.
- B. Insuring the Uninsured in Michigan: A look at the House and Senate plans – Eric Schneidewind, AARP Michigan President

Eric first attributed the presentation material as a subject from a press conference that the Put Michigan People First coalition held a number of months ago and since then been repeated. Rick Murdock of the Michigan Association of Health Plans and his staff produced portions of the presentation and analysis. The presentation specifically focuses on individual coverage for people who are currently uninsured. That problem of the uninsured is substantial and the economic conditions of today are going to increase that number rapidly. The goals are:

- provide coverage to as many of the uninsured as possible without driving up costs to others
- where possible, leverage federal funding particularly for Medicaid
- in terms of discounts, that there are as many plans as possible getting the same discount for fair and more competition among plans, and
- ensure and encourage expansion of consumer protections such as guaranteed issue and preventing people from being underwritten off their current policies.

Eric provided an overview of the issues addressed by the House and Senate bills that were introduced by Rep. Corriveau and Sen. George and their benefit design.

The scope of this responsibility or mission will be heavily influenced by the current debate in Washington. If we had comprehensive health care reform in Washington and if Michigan gets a big expansion of Medicaid, the uninsured population would drop at least 50% in Michigan. As a society, we ought to be demanding that the focus be on how we are going to deliver basic healthcare benefits to everybody in Michigan instead of how we can raise rates or deny coverage.

- C. Federal Healthcare Reform Legislative Proposals

Commission Chair Farmer introduced Joann Genovich-Richards, Ph.D., R.N. who serves on AARP Michigan executive council as executive lead for health and supportive services and a member of the national board AARP's health and long term care policy committee.

Joann stated that her presentation and comments are based on presentations of John Rother at the National Policy Council in DC. The presentation included a briefing of current healthcare reform proposals in Congress with some emphases on what long term care provisions are on the table. Joann stated that a lot is still in play and probably has changed since today. Amanda Therrian, Legislative Aide in DC Office for Congressman Mark Schauer joined in the discussion by teleconference and stated that Congressman Schauer wants as low of a price tag as possible but as much comprehensive coverage as we can get.

### IV. What Needs to Happen

Commission Chair Andy Farmer announced his resignation as Chair effective December 31, 2009. Andy is needed at AARP to spend more time working on health care reform efforts and advocacy.

Andy asked for feedback about combining workgroups and PATs. Commissioner Rabidoux reported that the PCP Workgroup and PAT are starting to overlap each other. There has been

discussion on converting the logic model plan to sequential objectives with the training curriculum as one of the key objectives. Combining the PCP Workgroup and PAT seems to be working. Commissioner Chesny stated that it makes sense to work in a unified way and that combining the PAT and Finance Workgroup works as well. Commissioner Wilson thought that the Quality Workgroup has slowed down once the PAT started meeting. Sarah Slocum added that after meeting with Pam McNab there is a better understanding of what the PAT is going to do. Sarah would like to continue the workgroup which is an important place for a broader consumer populated body to talk about quality. Commissioner Turnham would like to continue the two different Workforce Development workgroups at least for a while. The WDW is a connection to many of the organizations that have formally endorsed the legislation to integrate CNA and Hospice Aide training. Those organizations are needed to get the legislation passed. The PAT is a place to have people from DELEG, DHS and DCH can meet to see how they mix or don't mix is important. Commissioner Viars commented that combining the Public Education and Consumer Participation Workgroup and PAT hasn't worked out as well. The collaborative effort around consumer participation should be kept separate and needs privacy. Commissioner Chaney added that combining the workgroup and PAT has worked really well. Staff with a background in health promotion and caregiver support experience primarily works in OSA and Public Health. The logic model gave the workgroup focus and provided a way to identify initiatives that are doable. It was easier to merge together with a little outside work from the PAT.

C. November Commission Needs

- Pre-meeting packet will include the legislative draft for CNA and Hospice Aide training
- PCP logic model review
- Possibly revenue coalition briefings

D. Other Commissioner Announcements & Adjournment

The next LTC Supports & Services Advisory Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., in Lansing at the Capitol View Building, Conference Rooms A-C.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.